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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Prior to examination of the above application, please enter the following amendments.

IN THE CLAIMS

CLEAN COPY OF AMENDED CLAIMS:

1. (Six Times Amended) A closure for cable connection comprising: a pair of sleeve members formed with a semicylindrical shape and joined to each other in a manner to be vertically separable from each other, resulting in providing a cylindrical sleeve which surrounds a cable connection section, said sleeve members each having abutting joint surfaces formed on both sides thereof, through which said sleeve members are joined together; end plates arranged on opposite ends of said sleeve and each formed with at least one cable guide hole through which a cable connected to said cable connection section is inserted, said end plates each integrally provided on the outer periphery surface thereof with a sealing member including a plurality of

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